

# Spring Newsletter

Bradley Beach Public Library

## From the Director's Desk . . .

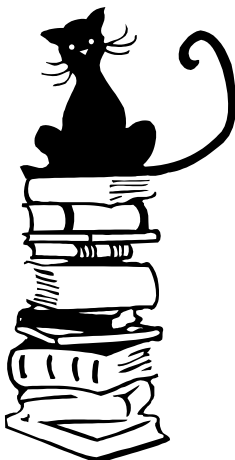
Thank goodness it is finally warm enough to say its spring! And with that comes lots of great stuff happening at the library!

Once again I'll say that the bathroom renovation should be completed soon. After a long and very involved demolition period, the contractor is finally on the rebuild and it looks like there is a light at the end of the tunnel!

Of course, once we have a functional bathroom I can start planning programs again. That will include the usual things . . . Special story times and computer classes. But it will also include NEW programming . . . TEEN programming. I've got all kinds of ideas and I'm really excited to start working more with this group of amazing people who use our library.

Other things are moving right along as well. We are gearing up for the Summer Reading program (see article inside) and the Memorial Day Parade (look for all the kids marching with us on May 27th!). Dates of what's already scheduled can be found on the back cover.

We've also been working downstairs in the Children's Library. You may notice that there is some more room in the picture books. Now shelving will be easier too as all the books are labeled with the first letter of the author's last name and can just be placed back on the shelf in the appropriate letter range. Even the youngest kids can help put their own books away now!



Don't forget that we now have wireless internet access here at the library. Its always on (even when the library is closed!) and it works all the way to the street and every where on the library property.

As always, please let us know any ideas, comments or suggestions that you have for us . . .

Sincerely,

*Karen J. Klapperstuck*

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### Special points of interest:

- *Come sing with us on June 10!*
- *Read about Mary Higgins Clark's latest!*
- *Are you a good listener?*
- *Ready for summer reading?*
- *Dates to remember*



*Is there such a thing as twin telepathy?*

## Two Little Girls in Blue A book review by Grace Vetrano

Kelly and Kathy have just celebrated their 3rd birthday. Their parents have given them a big party. That night, the twins' parents, Steve and Margaret Frawley attend a black tie affair. While they are out, the twins are kidnapped, and a note has been found in the girl's bedroom demanding 8 million dollars. Steve and Margaret are frantic. There is no way that they can come up with the ransom money.

The firm that Steve works for offers

to pay the ransom. The kidnapper, who calls himself the "Pied Piper," lets them know where to deliver the money. Once the terms have been met, he will call and let them know where to pick up the twins, but things start to get mixed up. What follows is a fast paced story, with some unexpected twists and turns. Is there such a thing as "twin telepathy"? Mary Higgins Clark explores that question with some surprising results.

## Audio Books for ALL ages!

Many of you know that we have books on tape and CD for adults and the book and tape /CD sets for the little ones. But did you know that we also have **books on CD for kids and teens?**

We just started collecting audio titles in these areas. The collections are small but growing. In the Juvenile collection, we have a number of Judy Moody titles and some great fantasy books. In the teen area, we have some titles by Meg Cabot (of The Princess Diaries) and lots of others.

Audio books are a great choice for car trips and long days at the beach. Lots of people are skeptical over listening to a book, but often we hear that they now look forward to road trips and commuting just so they can find out what happens next. And the

same can be true of your family vacation car trips. The Commission on Reading: *Becoming a Nation of Readers* reminds us: "The single most important activity for building the knowledge required for eventual success in reading is reading aloud to children." What better way to share a long trip than by "reading" together as a family?

We're not advocating doing away with print books or actually reading to your kids but they can help supplement the time you spend together, make car trips seem shorter and provide a great way to start a new conversation with your kids.

Just try listening to a book!! It may surprise you how easily you become a good listener, as well as a great reader!



## Summer Reading 2006

This year's summer reading program, Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales will begin on July 3rd.

As in past years, the participants will be divided into 3 age groups:

- up to age 6
- ages 7—11
- ages 12 and over (the teen theme this year is Creature Feature)

Once the kids are signed up (starting on July 3), they can check out books and start reading! It is important to remember that we set the sign up for when all the kids will be out of school so that all participants have the same amount of time to read.

To get credit for reading the books, the children come in and tell a library staff member about the book. It is okay if you have read the book to the

child, as long as he or she can tell us about the book. We aren't looking for a book report just a quick synopsis will do.

We're going to plan lots of fun events and programs this year for all the age groups! We would love to have more kids and teens participate this year and make it the most successful summer reading program that Bradley Beach Library has ever seen!

The program will run through July and into August. An awards ceremony will be held in August as well. The top 3 readers in each age group get special prizes and every one who participates gets a goody bag of treats and books, even if you only read one book!

Please join us for another summer of fun and reading @ Your Library!

## Sing-a-long with Irv

Irv is coming back!! A special story time is scheduled for **Saturday June 10 at 10:30 am**. This program will be "Sing Along with Irv."

Irv Plastock is an accomplished artist who has been singing and performing for over forty years! He performs acapella children's songs.

During his program, which is geared towards children ages three to six, he sings lots of favorites, like *The Wheels on the Bus*, *Old MacDonald*

and *Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star*.

This is the third time that Irv is coming to our library. If you have attended his programs before, you know that the kids (and their parents!) have a great time. So join us for this lively and energetic program with your kids and for kids of all ages! Call the Library to sign up or for more information.





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## Upcoming Dates to Remember:

- *May 20th — Closed*
- *May 27, 28, 29th — Closed for Memorial Day Weekend*
- *June 10th — Sing-A-Long with Irv at 10:30 am (call to sign up)*
- *June 13th — Book discussion — East of Eden by John Steinbeck*
- *June 7th — Last PM story time before summer*
- *June 14th — Last AM story time before summer*
- *June 19th — Summer Hours Begin*
- *July 3rd — Summer Reading Program Begins (see article inside!!)*
- *July 4th — Closed for Independence Day*